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SUMMARY. PRESS APRIL 27 HIGHLIGHTS SADAT'S "URGENT
MESSAGES" TO ARAB CHIEFS-OF-STATE ABOUT MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION. CARTER "DETERMINED" TO GO AHEAD WITH AIR-
CRAFT PACKAGE, BUT AHRAH WONDERS IF CARTER'S OPTIMISM
JUSTIFIED GIVEN ISRAELI STAND ON SETTLEMENTS, WITHDRAWAL,
AND CONTINUED OIL EXPLOITATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
AHRAH CARTOON SEES AMERICAN PRESSURE ON ISRAEL AS "SOFT".

GOE CLEARLY HOPING FOR U.S. VICTORY IN "TEST OF WILLS"
WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN. END SUMMARY.

1. SADAT MESSAGES. PAPERS HEADLINE SADAT'S "URGENT MESSAGES" TO ARAB KINGS AND HEADS OF STATE WITHIN "FRAMEWORK OF CONSULTATIONS" ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND EFFORTS TO GUARANTEE "REALIZATION OF ARAB DEMANDS". MESSAGES SENT TO MOROCCO, JORDAN, KUWAIT, UAE, QATAR, OMAN, BAHRAIN, TUNISIA, SOMALIA, AND SPECIAL MESSAGE SENT TO SHAH. NO DETAILS ON CONTENTS.

2. U.S. ROLE. AHRAH HEADLINED "CARTER DETERMINED" TO PROCEED WITH AIRCRAFT PACKAGE. PRESS NOTED PACKAGE WILL GO TO HILL ON FRIDAY INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY TO ALLOW ADMINISTRATION MORE TIME TO CONSULT WITH KEY CONGRESSMEN. AHRAH EDITORIAL NOTES CARTER'S OPTIMISM ABOUT PEACE PROCESS BUT ALSO NOTES ISRAEL'S POSITION ON SETTLEMENTS, WITHDRAWAL AND CONTINUED "ILLEGAL" OIL PROSPECTING, AIDED BY U.S. COMPANIES, IN "ISRAELI-HELD EGYPTIAN TERRITORIES". EDITORIAL WONDERS IF CARTER'S OPTIMISM JUSTIFIED. AHRAH CARTOON PORTRAYS AMERICAN PRESSURE AS "SOFT" ON ISRAEL, AS BEGIN PROTECTED FROM UNCLE SAM'S SPANKING BY PILLOW OF "U.S. AID".

3. SYRIA. AHRAH HAS SMALL, FRONT-PAGE STORY ENTITLED "AMERICAN OFFICIAL PRAISES SYRIA'S STAND". CITING AP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON, STORY REPORTS ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS SAYING SYRIA "A MAIN PARTNER" TO REACH COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT AND HAS NOT RULED OUT PARTICIPATION IN PEACE PROCESS. SAUNDERS FURTHER REPORTED SAYING THAT "SYRIA PLAYED A SECRET AND EXTREMELY POSITIVE ROLE" IN EFFORTS TO SETTLE SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON. AKHBAR NOTES SAUNDERS JUSTIFYING AMERICAN AID TO SYRIA.

4. COMMENT. PRESS COMBINES IMAGE OF "ACTIVE EGYPT", DOING WHAT IT CAN WITH ARABS TO FURTHER PEACE PROCESS, WITH EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ABOUT EFFECTIVENESS OF AMERICAN PRESSURE ON ISRAEL. GOE WARILY HOPING FOR U.S. VICTORY IN "TEST OF WILLS" TAKING PLACE IN WASHINGTON. PRAISE FOR SYRIA NEVER APPRECIATED HERE, REGARDLESS OF OCCASION. EILTS

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